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5th Fallen Heroes event

Twenty-five new memorial bricks will be installed at the LaBelle Veterans Park Saturday, July 21. The families of the honorees are encouraged to attend and install their loved one's brick personally. Anyone who ordered memorial bricks between January and July 11 of this year will be included. The bricks will be laid with the assistance of the Boy Scouts and local veterans.

The Fallen Heroes Benefit is a joint community project co-sponsored by the members of the American Legion Post 130, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10100, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144 and the Fraternal Order of the Moose Lodge 2398.

The event begins with a remembrance ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park, located at the intersection of Hwy. 80 and SR 29 in the heart of LaBelle and continue at the American Legion Post 130, Hwy 80, across from

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Precinct changes could cause confusion

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

With election day just a few short weeks away, there are some changes Hendry County voters should be aware of.

The Supervisor of Elections has condensed the number of voting precincts from 23 down to ten at this time. Because so many residents are voting by absentee ballot, some precincts had very little voting activity during recent elections. This will cut election costs, but voters should be prepared for possible long waits at the polls. In particular, Precincts 1, 2 and 3 could be affected.

Note: All registered voters should have received a new voter registration card with their new precinct number. It is important to know your new precinct number so you show up at the correct polling place. For many voters,

that will not be the same place they are used to going.

Precinct polling places are:

Precinct 1: Janet B. Taylor Auditorium, 100 S. Olympia St. Clewiston

Precinct 2: Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell St., LaBelle

Precinct 3: LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle

Precinct 4: Big Cypress Senior Center, 31000 Josie Billie Hwy., Clewiston

Precinct 5: Felda Community Center, 1100 CR 830, Felda

Precinct 6: John Boy Auditorium, 1200 WC Owens Ave., Clewiston

Precinct 7: Clewiston Youth Center 106 W. Osceola Ave., Clewiston

Precinct 8: Pioneer Plantation Fire Station, 2499 Hendry Isles Bld., Clewiston

Precinct 9: Grace Baptist Church, 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd, LaBelle

Precinct 10: Montura Clubhouse, 225 N. Hacienda St., Clewiston

Please note that you must have a photo ID with you in order to vote. Acceptable identification include: Drivers License, passport, military ID, debit or credit card with photo, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID and public assistance ID.

When voters come to the polls for the August 14 Primary, they will be lined up by party - Republican, Democrat and No Party Affiliation - in order to facilitate the process.

In the November 6 General Election, voters will line up at tables corresponding to the first letter in their last names, again in an attempt to keep lines orderly and to minimize waiting times.

Hendry County Supervisor of Elections Lucretia Strickland said the State of Florida kicked back six questionable voter registrations to her - one of which was a duplicate - leaving five names to be checked for voter fraud.

Ms. Strickland said her office notified these five residents, who have been deemed ineligible to vote.

At this time, none have responded to her prompts. She said that, if any of these residents show up at the polls with proper documentation of citizenship and residency, they will be allowed to vote. If they do not have documentation with them, they will be able to cast a provisional vote but must produce proper documentation within five days or their vote will not be counted.

Election workers are busily fill-

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Ashley Schofield learning business lessons early.

Young entrepreneur headed for business success

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Small business has long been considered the backbone of the American economic system. Entrepreneurs - innovators - come in all shapes and sizes, from all walks of life. They also, apparently, come in all ages.

Eleven-year-old Ashley Schofield has had her own business since she was just seven.

It's true. Even at age 11, Ashley has years of experience running her own company, Ashley's Pencil Box. She sells direct to customers and also has a booth at Miss Patty's Formerly Yours, a consignment shop on Bridge Street.

Her mom, Crissie Carter, has always been Ashley's guide. She is the daughter of Ari Schofield and Crissie Carter.

Crissie smiles at the memory of little Ashley carefully setting up her carrying case in a two layer, 18x12 inch box to begin her career as a businessperson. She would go around with her mom, stopping everywhere that looked promising to show her wares, which include pencil sharpeners, book marks, erasers. Pencils are the top seller, Ashley said, but she also sells lots of Iwako Japanese eraser puzzles, so popular with the kids.

Ashley sells just about every-

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Pencils

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where - the Post Office, bank, grocery store, gas station.

Ashley decided on pencils as her staple product after her grandmother told her about how they sold pencils on the street during the Great Depression. It struck a chord with the young innovator. After all, pencils are easy to carry, inexpensive and everybody needs one. It made sense to a seven-year-old.

Crissie wanted Ashley to get the real experience of owning a business, so she



Ashley Schofield, age 9

took her to see Janice Groves with the Small Business Development Center. The two met at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce. Ashley remembers being more interested in spinning in the chair than what Ms. Groves was saying, but she did it on her own, as mom watched from a distance.

Ms. Groves remembers Ashley as a very enterprising young lady, likeable. "I especially remember her desire to be doing something. She liked people, was friendly and I thought this was a very good project for her," Ms. Groves said.

Ashley even set up a bank account with the Suncoast Kids program. Crissie said the employees there treated her just like a VIP. Again, Ashley did it all herself, mom stayed in the background till papers had to be signed.

So, little Ashley had the idea and the interest; she was serious about her business and had her mom's support. All she needed was the drive. No problem.

Her first goal was to sell enough pencils to buy the \$900 canopy bed she wanted. Next she wanted to buy a horse, a Leopard Appaloosa named Pepper; then she needed to help pay for her other horse, Sunny's, vet bills for a punctured tendon.

Ashley has learned about inventory (her least favorite part of having her own business), ordering (which she does herself online), pricing and salesmanship. She even has a county business license and resale certificate to buy wholesale, her mom said.

Little Ashley mastered the skills needed for sales, like making change for her customers. She continues her business, selling to parents, grandparents and offices. After five years in business, she continues to work on how to market - always looking toward attracting new customers.

Ashley's mom said she sees her daughter going through stages starting with "Miss Personality" - when nothing scared her and everything was exciting. At almost 12 she is

now becoming more reserved and shy, but she still has the drive to be a success.

In fact, her next goal is to be on the Shark Tank TV show, on ABC Friday nights. She's already gotten a casting call. Her idea for the show: setting up a starter kit to sell to other kids along with a training video - in effect, expanding her company to include other young salesmen. Her ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian - another great reason to build her business - college expenses.

Going into the sixth grade at LMS, Ashley is really just a regular kid - with her own business.

Ashley loves to barrell race with her horse, raised the 4-H reserve grand champion hog this past year and has studied Urechi Rye martial arts for five years with instructor Jan Bass at the Boshikan Dojo. Ashley holds a blue belt. She also enjoys shooting sports, Pop Warner cheerleading, 4-H Sewing Club and presented a demonstration at 4-H Congress.

Asheley's first venture into sales started when she began selling rocks and shells from her driveway by the road in Felda to passersby. People actually stopped and bought them from her - as Ashley herself will attest, cuteness sells. But cuteness only lasts so long and you've got to back it up with good products and good service. That's what Ashley is learning - it's her own hands-on version of Business 101, from the ground up.

Vote

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ing requests for absentee ballots. The Elections Office must have every voters' correct physical address in order for the resident to vote in the August 14 Primary. Currently there are 16,893 registered voters in Hendry County.

The best way to make sure you're not stuck in a long line at the polls is to vote early, Supervisor of Elections Strickland said. Early voting begins ten days before election day - July 30 for the Primary.

Anyone who would like an absentee ballot should call the Elections Office at 675-5230 or 983-1592.

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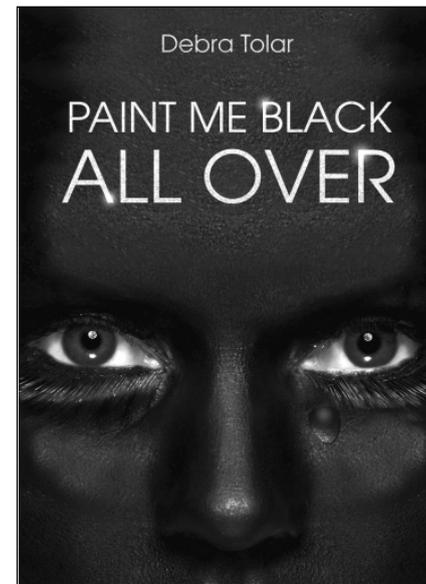
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Tolar book signing July 26

Debra Tolar, a resident of LaBelle, will be available to sign copies of her book, *Paint Me Black All Over*, at Immokalee Branch Library Thursday, July 26, from 5-7 p.m.

Heather Marie Fry was pretty, vivacious, popular, smart and witty. Everybody in town knew her and loved her. She was the pride of her teachers and as loving and kind as she was talented. But she was starting to get headaches, and they were rapidly growing worse. When her mother took her to the doctor, she was told that Heather was fine, but Heather's health continued to deteriorate. Finally, they found someone who had the answer. Heather had a brain tumor. It was inoperable. Heather was twelve at the time.



The doctors found the answer but not a solution. The best they could do was keep Heather as comfortable as possible for as long as possible. Family and friends rallied around Heather and Debra for support.

Paint Me Black All Over is the story of a mother's quest to find the best help possible for her ill daughter and her struggle to keep her family together.

Debra Tolar recounts the last year in the life of her daughter, Heather; the multiple bouts of radiation and chemotherapy; and all the pain and sorrow that went along with it. But amidst all the sorrow, Debra also relates a message of hope and joy, of the friends and support she found, and of the never-ending strength of her daughter. *Paint Me Black All Over* is a heart-wrenching account of childhood cancer that will inspire others in similar situations to never give up the fight.

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the Shell gas station.

The annual event commemorates Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Strickland and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammett Jr., two local men killed in action 2008, for whom this benefit was started.

Again this year, the benefit will feature a great smoked pork steak dinner accompanied by potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and a brownie, all for only a \$7 donation. Some of the other activities will include a 50/50, with donated prizes drawn throughout the day. A dessert raffle and great entertainment starting around noon will round off the day.

The pork steak dinner will start immediately following the ceremonies at the American Legion Post 130, LaBelle.

Future improvements to the park include a commemorative plaque that explains how the park was started and how the benefit brought a community together in one of its saddest moments. The LaBelle Veterans Park Committee would like to thank the many people that have helped build this special place, a place to remember and honor those who have sacrificed so much, and continued to do so for our freedom.

It is hoped this can continue to be a community project that will carry on through the years.

Anyone needing information on the benefit should call 863-675-8300. Tickets are available in advance at the American Legion 130, VFW 10100 and the Moose Lodge 2398.

ANNIVERSARY

HORACE & JOAN WILKISON

Horace and Joan Wilkison celebrated 60 years of marriage on July 12th.

They have lived in their north LaBelle home since 2000. Both grew up and met in LaBelle before getting married and living in different parts of Florida. Most of those years they lived in Collier County where they raised their two sons, who have given them five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Fundraiser for gator attack survivor

Moore Haven teenager, Kaleb 'Fred' Langdale lost part of his right arm in an alligator attack, Monday, July 9.

Organizers of the "Kaleb 'Fred' Langdale Fun Day," a fundraiser to help with medical bills and getting him a prosthetic arm, will meet at the First United Methodist Church

in Moore Haven on Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, please come and join us! You can contact Linda Peoples Martin at (863)227-0832. All of your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Walk through historic LaBelle

Families, youth and adults are invited to explore historic LaBelle with the Fisheating Creek Florida Trails Sub-Chapter on Saturday, July 21.

Gather at the U-Save parking lot at 9 a.m. to meet and sign the FTA activity waiver.



Submitted photo/Addison Austin

The old Poole dry good store circa 1911, now housing the LaBelle Heritage Museum, is one of LaBelle's remaining historic buildings.

head Ridge, Clewiston, Felda, LaBelle, Lakeport, Montura, Moore Haven, Muse, Ortona, Palmdale and Pioneer. (Glades and Hendry counties)

This subchapter organized in January 2010 is overseen by the Alligator Amblers. The FEC/FTA Inaugural hike was held February 6, 2010, where 21 people assembled at the trailhead at Alvin Ward Boat Ramp and Park, Moore Haven for a walk on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.) The chapter offers a variety of activities including hikes, paddling, camping and wildlife viewing as well as exploring nature-based and historical sites in Hendry and Glades counties. Members and guests have been instrumental in blazing the Rock Lake Trail in partnership with FWC and participate in trail clean-ups during hikes on the Tree Swing Trail at Fisheating Creek Outpost. Experience hiking through diverse habitats on the Florida Trail sections located in Glades and Hendry counties. For information or to become a founding member of this new chapter contact: Margaret England 863-674-0695. Visit the Fisheating Creek Florida Trails Chapter on "Facebook."

The FEC/FTA group will attend the Fallen Heroes Ceremony at Veterans Park at 9:30 a.m. then tour the LaBelle Historical Museum at its new location on South Bridge Street.

After lunch the hikers plan to take a leisurely hike to some of historic LaBelle's homes and parks. Bring water, snacks, \$3 admission for museum and money for lunch. Wear closed-toed walking shoes and hat.

The Fisheating Creek Florida Trails Sub-Chapter serves hikers from the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, Buck-

Mosquito-borne illness advisory for Glades County

GLADES COUNTY—Notice: There has been one Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV)-confirmed positive horse (onset 6/25/12) reported from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) for Glades County. This is the 11th horse in the state to be reported with EEEV infection with onset during 2012 and is the first case for Glades County.

EEE is a rare disease that is caused by a virus spread by infected mosquitoes. EEEV is one of a group of mosquito-transmitted viruses that can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis). EEEV is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Anyone in an area where the virus is circulating can get infected with EEEV. The risk is highest for people who live in or visit woodland habitats and people who work outside or participate in outdoor recreational activities, because of greater exposure to potentially infected mosquitoes.

It takes 4 to 10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito to develop symptoms of EEE.

The Glades County Health Department will continue with surveillance and encourage everyone to take basic precautions to help limit exposure.

To protect your horses from mosquitoes, you should:

Consult with your veterinarian on getting your horses vaccinated for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV).

Avoiding mosquito bites is the best way to prevent disease.

Please remember the 5 D's:

- Dusk and Dawn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood.

- Dress – Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

- DEET – When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET are recommended. Oil of lemon eucalyptus can also be effective.

- Drainage – Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, where mosquitoes lay eggs.

Tips on Repellent Use

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before applying a repellent.

- In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is appropriate. DEET is not recommended on children younger than 2 months old. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children less than 3 years old.

- Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting should be used over carriers and strollers when outside.

- Never apply repellents to a child's hands. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin or onto clothing, but not under clothing. Do not apply repellent near the eyes or mouth, cuts, wounds, or irritated skin.

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites

- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.

- Turn over or remove any empty containers (cups, pots, buckets, etc.).

- Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

- Store boats upside down or with a cover

- Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

- Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

- Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit the Florida Department of Health's Environmental Health web site at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboreal/index.html>

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Robert W. Coffman, 54, was arrested July 9 and charged with lewd and lascivious battery of an elderly or disabled person and sexual assault. W. Griffin was arresting officer.

Calvin Terry Fillingame, 50, was arrested July 11 and charged with lewd and lascivious behavior molestation, victim under 12, offender over 18 years of age. G. Rodriguez was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Four Clewiston men were arrested July 11 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill (two counts), criminal mischief over \$1,000, burglary with assault/battery and robbery with a firearm. Deontae Lewis Angry, 18, Donald Johnson, 21, Larance Deangelo Humphrey, 20 and Johnny Jackson, 18, were all arrested

on these charges. Johnson and Angry were also charged with possession of methamphetamines schedule I. J. Brown was arresting officer.

Guardionex Nieves Mercado, 31, was arrested July 13 and charged with battery domestic by strangulation, battery touch/strike and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill. Blackman was arresting officer.

Rosie Lee Jim, 38, was arrested July 10 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. J. Brown was arresting officer.

Jose Noe Vidaurri, 26, was arrested July 10 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense. J. Ewing was arresting officer.



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Career Corner

Career focus on child care

by Matt Kindermann

Just as home owners should consider a licensed contractor for home repairs, parents should consider a licensed child care facility for the care of their children.

Child care facilities organized under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) are categorized as one of the following: Licensed Child Care Facility, Licensed Family Child Care Home, Licensed Large Family Child Care Home, Licensed Specialized Facility for Mildly Ill Children or as a Registered Family Day Care Home.



Matthew Kindermann

All licensed facilities are subject to on-site inspections by DCF except Registered Homes, which are not site inspected but do have to comply with employee certification requirements.

In addition, all Licensed and Registered facilities must abide by state rules concerning staff credentials, capacity and ratio limits, safety and health precautions and proper record keeping.

To find licensed child care facilities and homes, go to www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare and click on "Child Care

Provider Search."

All direct care staff of Licensed and Registered facilities must be credentialed by attending a 40 hour DCF course and receive 10 hours of continuing training each year thereafter. Credentialing classes are offered on-site in Lee and Collier counties, or they can be taken on-line.

The classes cost \$160, and the credential is essential in order to gain employment in the child care industry. Child care job seekers should be aware that there are currently more qualified workers than available jobs in his field. Competition is stiff and the median income in the Fort Myers metropolitan area is low at \$19,300 or about \$9.50 an hour.

You can find the credential class information at www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childcare and click on "Course Registration."

Workforce funds do not currently cover the cost of credentialing because most positions pay less than the level of self-sufficiency. Residents of Collier County can receive scholarships for the credentialing and more information can be found at www.collierchildcare.org.

Southwest Florida Works is the regional state workforce board for Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. For job search assistance or employer support, speak with an employment representative nearest you by going to www.swflworks.org and click on "Locations."

You will never be sorry

by Les Morgan

Have you ever had any regrets? Ever wished you had waited a bit longer before "sounding off"?

Are there any words you wish you could capture and shove back into your mouth?

As a writer, a preacher and a long-time student, I read a fair amount of material each week. Some of my reading is for sermon preparation and other reading is for teaching various groups. Recently while reading a newspaper from out of town I found the following and clipped it out. The author was not listed, so I don't know who to credit for its original composition.

"You will never be sorry for..."

- thinking before acting
- hearing before judging



Les Morgan

- forgiving your enemies
- being candid and frank
- helping a fallen brother
- being honest in business
- thinking before speaking
- being loyal to your church
- standing for your principles
- stopping your ears to gossip
- bridling a slanderous tongue
- harboring pure thoughts
- sympathizing with the afflicted and
- being courteous and kind to all."

Those are good probing challenges, aren't they? Definitely not for the faint of heart or people who routinely dismiss challenges.

Try reviewing those each day this week and let me know how that works for you. You can email me drkmmorgan@gmail.com

Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle, located across the street from City Hall on Highway 80.

Thank You

School supply donations

The Salvation Army LaBelle would like to thank Mayor Paul Puletti, the local Ministerial Association, The Gathering of Christian Men and the local community for your recent donations at the Prayer Service held on July 3, 2012, at Community Harvest Church.

An offering of \$270 was collected along with 8 packs of pencils, 8 packs of paper, 10 packs of crayons, 2 packages of glue and 8 packs of colored pencils. These donations will help local children meet their needs for school supplies in the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your support! There is still time to donate. We will accept donations now until school starts in August.

Please drop off donations to our office located at 133 N. Bridge Street within the LaBelle United Way House.

Feel free to call with any questions, 863-674-1441.

**Sincerely,
Lisa Sands**

Social Services Program Manager

Opportunity

Hello LaBelle Community.

I am Morgan Pepitone and I recently took a trip to The United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. I went from June 7th-June 15th. I went to a Summer Leaders Seminar and my time there was a wonderful experience. It showed me the life of being a Cadet at the prestigious academy, and what it takes to get there.

Because of my wonderful experience there, I have decided that I will follow through with applying to West Point, and hopefully get accepted.

But I have some worthy people in the community to thank, because without their support and generosity, I would not have been able to make the decision I made in

the past couple of weeks.

The people listed below are the ones that donated to my trip and helped to get me to West Point for the week.

Their donations made my week-long journey that much more amazing.

Bryan Beer, Kevin and Rena DiPofi, Mali Gardner, Joanie McClelland, Don and Donna Perry, Mariam Schramm, Ron and Tuesday Tritt, Jesse Wallace, DAV #144, David and Nancy Imhoff- Grove and Home,

Gulf Shore Dental, Kiwanis, Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 10100, VFW Post 10100, West Point Society of Naples, Ray Van Houten-Candidate for Hendry County Sheriff, Stuart Whiddon- Sheriff of Glades County, Kim White- Candidate for Supervisor of Elections.

I also want to thank the community overall. Without the continued support from the schools, businesses and families, I would not have had this amazing opportunity.

Last but not least, I want to thank my family. I am so grateful to have all of their support.

I know that without their guidance and love this would not have been possible. I would have no idea what kind of decisions to make and with their help, I have found what I want to do. Love you!

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. I am so grateful for everyone's support.

**Sincerely,
Morgan Pepitone**



Morgan Pepitone

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Early Childhood Coalition announces local members

FORT MYERS, Fla. – JULY 2, 2012 – The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida is proud to announce the addition of Aida Barnhart to their Board of Directors. The new board members were chosen for their dedication to the community and its children.

Ms. Barnhart, Housing Director for Hendry County, serves as the representative for the Hendry County Board of County Com-

missions. Ms. Barnhart's past community involvements include the position of Vice President, Ways and Means for the Hendry Glades Homeless Coalition, member of the Community Action Task Force for Affordable Housing Hendry County and member of the Board of Directors - Beta Sigma Phi for the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Heather Singleton is the faith based childcare provider representative. She is the Co-

Director of New Life Assembly Academy in Lehigh Acres, a Christian preschool operated as a ministry on the campus of New Life Assembly of God. Her past community involvements include the Father Anglim Academy, Boy Scouts of America and Employee Activities Committee.

The Early Learning Coalition is also proud to welcome Joe Paterno to its Executive Officer board members for 2012. Mr. Paterno,

Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., has served on the Early Learning Coalition's board since 1998. Joe was recently elected to serve as Board Secretary for 2012. His past community involvements include the Florida Workforce Development Association, American Red Cross, Kiwanis Club of Naples, Junior Achievement, and The Partners in Education Council, Florida International Corps, Economic Development Council and the Walker Institute of Technology.

The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida is responsible for administering the School Readiness Program for low income and at risk children and families. They are also responsible for administering the Voluntary Prekindergarten program (VPK) which serves all 4 year old children in Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties regardless of income.

The VPK program is an entitlement program for all 4 year olds residing in the State of Florida.

The Coalition strives to enhance the quality of child care services for children, families, early childhood educators, and community partners in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties, with opportunities to positively impact the future.

For details on our many services or to donate, please visit <http://www.elcofswfl.org> or call 239-267-4105.



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Back row, from left: Dr. Javier Rosado, Heather Singleton, Dr. Gillian Ward, Elaine Schaeffer, Jane Lane, Jeanne LaFountain, Colleen Gallagher, Aida Barnhart, Dan England, Front row, from left: Kathleen Reynolds (CEO), Gerry Poppe (Board Vice Chair), John Remington, (Chair), Peter Seif (Treasurer), and Joe Paterno (Secretary). Board members absent from photo: Dr. Joan Colfer, Mike D'Amico, Joseph Gammons, Jodi Jacoby, Leslie Moguil, Trina Puddefoot, Jill Turner and Veronica Vega.

Decrease your chances of contracting Norovirus

ByPat Dobbins

Norovirus is commonly called the "stomach flu." (Even though it's not related to any flu viruses) Noroviruses are found in the stool or vomit of infected people. Norovirus is highly contagious and may cause vomiting and diarrhea and stomach cramps. Symptoms usually start within 24 to 48 hours and most people begin to feel better within one or two days and have no long-term health effects.

People can become infected with the virus in several ways including:

- Touching surfaces or objects contaminated with the virus, and then placing their hands in their mouth.
- Eating food or drinking liquids that have been contaminated with the virus (usually from the food handler not washing their hands properly)
- Having direct contact with another person who is infected and showing symptoms (caring for someone who is infected, sharing food or eating utensils with someone who is infected)

According to the Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention, norovirus causes 23 million illnesses per year. As with many infections, frequent and thorough hand washing is the key to preventing the spread of stomach infections like norovirus. This simple step can help our communities stay healthy.

You can decrease your chance of coming in contact with noroviruses by following these preventive steps: Wash hands frequently, especially after going to the bathroom, changing diapers, before eating and prior to preparing food. Carefully wash fruits and vegetables, and cook foods completely before eating them. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using bleach-based household cleaners. Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with the virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap). Flush or discard any vomit and/or stool in the toilet and make sure the surrounding area is kept clean.

People who have symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea should not prepare food until they are completely free of symptoms and

for at least three days after all symptoms are gone. Any foods that may have been contaminated by an ill person should be thrown away. For additional information, you can visit www.cdc.gov and look up "Norovirus Infection" or talk with your healthcare provider.

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Church Briefs

Feeding children

Local churches are banding together to eliminate hunger for local children, many of whom only get a decent meal at school.

Operation: Backpack will begin this fall, sending a backpack full of edible items home with needy children on Fridays. They will return the backpack on Monday.

The churches will be partnering with local charities to multiply the effect of donations. The program will run during the school term for 40 weeks.

Make checks payable to FBC-Operation: Backpack and donate at the office of First Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 N. Main Street. Team signups for food distribution are available.

Gospel singing

The Full Gospel Tabernacle of LaBelle invites you to join them for a night of Gospel singing Saturday, July 14.

The William Barfield Family of Lake Placid will bring the message of Jesus Christ in song at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

For more information, call 239-834-4913.

The church is located at 1058 Thigpen Road.

Christian Men to meet

The July Gathering of Christian Men will be held July 16 at First Christian Church of LaBelle, on Ford Avenue.

The LaBelle Revival Center is hosting the meeting which will begin at 7 p.m. for dinner and a program. All men of LaBelle and surrounding area are invited to join them or dinner and a program. For information or directions call either Mar

k White at 239-707-6137 or Randy Way at 863-885-1099.

Mission: Heaven Bound VBS

Central Church of Christ announces Vacation Bible School, Monday through Wednesday, July 16-18, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The theme, MISSION: Heaven Bound, will be presented by a visiting team from Jacksonburg, Alabama. There will be classes for all ages.

In addition the Alabama team will hold a Gospel meeting in the evenings, Sunday at 6: p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please email your church news to: pbrant@newszap.com

Obituaries

Frances Curry Doll

LABELLE — Frances Curry Doll, 71, lifelong resident of LaBelle, Florida passed away quietly at her home July 15, 2012, surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward Curry; parents, Mark and Nettie May Curry, and husband, Joseph Taylor Doll. She was survived by her brother, Roy Curry (Sharon); son, James M. Doll (Yvonne); daughter, Donna M. English; grandchildren, Shonna D. Lynn (Brandon), Brandon M. Cooper, Kaylynn M. Doll, and Taylor M. English; and great-granddaughter, Kamdynn G. Lynn.

Frances was an avid supporter of Pop Warner during the organization's beginning, and the family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LaBelle Longhorn Booster Club, Post Office Box 2335, LaBelle, Florida 33975.

A memorial service will be held at The Doll Residence, July 21, 2012, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Cremation arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Judy A. Cox

DELTONA — Judy A. Cox, age 64, of Deltona Florida, died Thursday, June 28th, 2012 at Orlando South Hospital after complications from back surgery.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1947 in Garden City, Michigan.

She is survived by Margaret (Tracy) Schneider, her partner of 33 years; sisters, Jill and Patricia; sons, Craig and Michael; daughters, Amy and Kimberly; grandchildren, Nicole, Zach, Cody, Samantha, Sydney, Emelyn; and one great-grandson, Ethan.

She held her BA in Education and was teaching at the Highbanks Learning center in Debarry. She taught students with special needs and was passionate in her belief that these children could learn and be successful in life. Judy was a member of the VFW in Debarry and of the

American Legion in LaBelle, Florida.

Judy was an avid Miami Dolphin fan and never lost faith in her team. She had a tenacious thirst for enjoying life. She laughed easily and had the gift of sharing that with all those around her. Although she endured much pain, she always greeted everyone with a smile. She will always hold a special place in our hearts and we will miss her dearly.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at the Lohman Funeral Home at 1681 Providence Blvd, Deltona, Florida on August 4th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to, VFW Post 8093, 351 S. US. Hwy 17-92, Debarry, Fl. 32713.

Mary Figured Imhoff

LABELLE — Mary Figured Imhoff, age 59, of LaBelle, passed away July 14, 2012 in Fort Myers.

She was born July 30, 1952 in Kenly, N.C., to the late Stephen Bailey and the late Janice (Godwin) Benefield.

She was a nurse for many years at Dr. Gaudiz office in LaBelle.

Survivors include her son, Justin Figured and his wife Emily, brother; Stephen Bailey Jr.; step-father, Joe Benefield; step-sisters, Holly Jones and Tammy Mitchell; and a host of extended family and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle with Rev. Don Murray officiating. Interment was in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.



Photography By Jerri Lynn earns WeddingWire Rated designation for 2012

WeddingWire is excited to announce that Photography By Jerri Lynn is WeddingWire Rated in 2012 for Photography. WeddingWire Rated is the annual ratings program that recognizes wedding professionals across the country for their commitment to service and is the most recognized and trusted brand among engaged couples, as they start their search for local wedding businesses.

The ratings program is based on hundreds of thousands of recent newlywed reviews of over 200,000 wedding professionals in the US and Canada, across 20 different service categories.

Photography By Jerri Lynn's reviews on WeddingWire by our newlywed clients include detailed ratings and insightful descriptions about their experiences working with our business and staff.

Our reviews provide transparency for potential clients, assisting them in making informed decisions for their big day.

"We are very pleased to announce WeddingWire Rated 2012, recognizing Photography By Jerri Lynn for their commitment to exemplary service in Photography," said Timothy Chi, CEO, WeddingWire, Inc. "Photography By Jerri Lynn has shown dedication to their craft and service, helping engaged couples understand what to expect from their business through reviews on the nation's leading wedding review site."

As the largest site for wedding reviews, WeddingWire empowers engaged couples with the most comprehensive and trusted review system available in the wedding in-

dustry.

WeddingWire Rated provides Photography By Jerri Lynn with the distinction of being WeddingWire Rated and a simple platform to capture client feedback from their wedding planning experience. Engaged couples can easily access all of the reviews for Photography By Jerri Lynn on WeddingWire.com. We have all of our newlywed clients to thank for our WeddingWire Rated 2012 recognition.

Photography By Jerri Lynn, Inc. is located here in Hendry County and based in Felda, FL.

Jerri Lynn said, that she has enjoyed working with everyone over the years especially the local couples and families. LaBelle brides definitely know how to celebrate and they have such fun with their families and friends.

Two favorites this year so far were Kara and Johnny in Key West and Danielle and Matt's amazing Riverfront wedding.

Jerri Lynn is also the official photographer for LaBelle High School and looks forward to working with all of the students, parents and staff this year.

Seniors should call 239-989-7032 to make an appointment for their Senior yearbook pictures that will be taken beginning August 2.

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Surf the library . . . Catch the Reading Wave!

Vanity plates were the name of the game, or should we say art, on Tuesday at Barron Library. 'Art with Megan' ended up being 'Art with Connie' as there was an unexpected emergency. Connie Killebrew, of LaBelle, had a wonderful lesson about traveling and exploring new exciting places. Following the lesson, each child was given a blank license plate size template with the assignment to design and create a statement about themselves. After lots of drawing, coloring, cutting and pasting everyone went home with their very own unique vanity plate. A big thank you to Megan Kissinger for preparing all of the materials used and to Connie Killebrew for helping us out with this special art class.

Tuesday, July 24, the library will host friends from the Firehouse Theater, as they present Acting is Fun. Come out to support this great organization.

- July 24 – Acting is Fun, Firehouse Theater
- July 31 – Growing Local Crops, County Extension Office
- August 7 – Bike Rodeo, Hendry County Sheriff's Office
- August 14 – Reading with Dr. Kennedy, Author

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken time to participate in making this summer program a great learning experience for the children of this community. Help fill the ocean with sea creatures at Barron Library at 10:30 Tuesday mornings. This program is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of LaBelle.

School Briefs

Register at WGS for K-8

West Glades School is now registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have a child in Kindergarten through 8th grade that will be attending West Glades this next school year and did not attend this past year, please come in and register them as soon as possible. The school office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Supply lists and school calendars for this coming year available at the office.

Free summer meals

Free meals available for all children 18 and younger when school is out. No application or registration required. Call 211 to find a meal site near you.

Comidas gratis para niños este verano!

Comidas gratis para todos los niños y jóvenes de 1 a 18 años cuando la escuela están cerrar durante el verano. Sin aplicación o registro. Llame al 211 para localizar un sitio

cerca de usted.

Pick up UES FCAT scores

Parents of UES fifth grade students may pick up their FCAT scores at LaBelle Middle School.

Cowboy Closet looking for electronics

The Cowboy Closet, our student-driven thrift store at LaBelle High School, would love to take your electronics from you. We could use computers, and other useful items that you are upgrading or replacing.

Our students are looking forward to refurbishing them, and getting them in homes that want them. We all win! A tax-deductible receipt will be given if requested.

Contact Kevin Lutkenhaus at 863-674-4120 or email the Cowboy Closet at cowboycloset@hendry.k12.fl.us for more information. We also can be followed on Twitter at @cowboycloset, and Facebook. Like us, and help us.

ELECTIONS OFFICE NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PUBLIC TESTING FOR THE AUGUST 14, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

Will be conducted on Thursday, July 26, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle

The CANVASSING BOARD MEETINGS

Canvassing Board will convene at the Supervisor of Elections located at 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle on:

- August 10, at 5:00 p.m.
- August 11, at 12:00 p.m.
- August 13, at 5:00 p.m.
- August 14, at 5:00 p.m.

for the purpose of Canvassing Absentee Ballots and the Votes cast in the August 14th Primary Election.

THE PUBLIC TESTING, CANVASSING, CERTIFICATION AND POST ELECTION AUDIT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EARLY VOTING

Will begin on July 30 to August 11, Monday through Saturday for the Primary Election at the:

LaBelle Elections Office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Clewiston Elections Office, 100 E. El Paso Ave, the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee Ballot are also available anyone unable to Vote their ballot without assistance such as blind, loss of limb, or illiterate, please contact the Supervisor of Elections.

TO REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL FOR THE ELECTION CALL 863-675-5230 OR 902-3392

AVISO DE OFICINA DE ELECCIONES POR LA PRESENTE SE COMUNICA ESE TIEMPO AGOSTO 14, 2012 ELECCION PRIMARIA

Sera conducido el jueves, 26 de Julio, comensando alas 2 de la tarde en la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones en 25 E. Hickpoche Ave., LaBelle

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Escrutinio de la junta se reunira en la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones, localizado en 25 E. Hickpochee Ave.,LaBelle,

- Agosto 10, alas 5:00 pm
- Agosto 11, alas 12:00 pm
- Agosto 13, alas 5:00 pm
- Agosto 14, alas 5:00 pm

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Comenzara el 30 de Julio asta el 11 de Agosto, de lunes a sabado para la Eleccion

Primaria en la oficina de Elecciones en 25 E Hickpochee Ave.,de 9:00 am asta 5:00pm Y la oficina de Elecciones en Clewiston, 100 E. El Paso Ave., horas seran De las 8:00 am asta 1:00p y 2:00 pm asta 5 ;00 pm.

VOTAR AUSENTE

Las boletas ausente estaran disponible para quienes no puedan votar su boleta sin asistencia como, ciego, perdida de extremidades o analfabetos. Por favor pongase en contacto con el Supervisor de Elecciones.

Para solicitar una boleta por correo par alas elecciones, llame 863-675-2530 o 863-902-3393

Lucretia A. Strickland
Supervisor of Elections
Hendry County, Florida

Braxton Ford signs with LaGrange College, Ga.

Braxton Ford began his sports career here in LaBelle at age five. A lifelong resident, he began with T-ball, Pop Warner, flag football and soccer. He began basketball at age 7.

Signing up with the Junior Pro program at age 8 was the beginning of his love for the game.

Braxton continued to play all sports, but basketball was his favorite. There were basketball camps and tournaments that spanned the state every summer from age 9 to the present.

Coach Doug Kelley was there from the start and has helped Braxton along his journey.

As the LaBelle Cowboys' point guard, Braxton averaged 22 points per game over the last two seasons.

He also led in assists and steals. In addition, he was named LHS basketball MVP for two straight seasons and scored over the 1,000 point mark in his last season.

His fondest memories came from the SFABC All-Star game this year, when he competed against the area's top talent.

Braxton still managed to lead that game with the high score of 22 points.

In late May, Braxton received a call from the men's head basketball coach at LaGrange College, located in Georgia.

On July 10, 2012, family and friends gathered in the gym at LaBelle High School to witness Braxton sign his commitment letter to attend LaGrange College this fall and join their basketball team.

Braxton plans to major in accounting and minor in music. Braxton rounded off the strongest recruiting class that LaGrange has ever had.

Many of Braxton's friends and family are making plans to attend his games. A tournament that is planned for December in Tampa is especially meaningful as this is the closest game for friends and family to see Braxton and his team.

Braxton and his family would like to thank God for making all of his possible.

They would also like to thank the community of LaBelle for all of its support and encouragement through the years.



Submitted photo

LaBelle High School's Braxton Ford signed to play basketball with LaGrange College in LaGrange Georgia on Tuesday. The Cowboy point guard averaged 22 points a game over the last two seasons and led the Cowboys in assist and steals. Braxton's parents were in attendance along with other family and friends. Everyone at LaBelle High wishes Braxton good Luck in his new challenge at LaGrange.



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10-11 year olds Little League District 18 Champs!

LaBelle Little League 10-11 years olds traveled to the Sectional All Star Tournament in Venice on July 14-15. The boys did themselves and LaBelle proud as they beat Sarasota, 5-1, then beat North Naples, 9-1. The boys then lost a squeaker to Cape Coral, 11-12. The LaBelle boys had a 10-2 lead early in the Championship game against Cape Coral but could not tie down the lead. With an 11-9 lead going into the 6th and final inning against Cape Coral, they were just one inning away from the State tournament in Pensacola. This group of kids has won back-to-back district titles and LaBelle is very proud of them. "They played awesome!" Coach Doug Purvis said of his team, "They worked hard, played solid defense, hit well. It was a big team effort. They worked hard all year with the goal of going to state. The breaks just didn't go our way," he added. Pictured are: Players from left: Zack "Zipper" Price, Enrique "Kike" Hernandez, "Big" Joe Vidaurri, Tyler "Jump-up" Vahl, Angel "Turtle" Vargas, "Joker Jack" Jaxon Purvis, Tyler "Ty-Ty" Burton, "Tiny Turbo" Trace Burchard, Zack "Pancho" Reyna, Bryce "Shooter" Hall. Coaches: Doug Purvis, Michael Burton, and Travis Burchard.

Sport Shorts

Airboat, buggy conservationists in Barron Park

The Airboat and Buggy Conservation Club of Southwest Florida will have an appreciation barbecue and membership drive Saturday, July 21, at Barron Park beginning at 11 a.m. Chicken dinners will be available. Those paying family dues will receive two free dinners.

Look for the airboat and buggy in the park.

According to the group's Web site, the primary goals of the club are to promote responsible usage of lands and waterways, opening access to areas that have been closed to the public while advocating hunter/vessel safety and making a positive impact in our communities working with other charitable organizations.

The club includes Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and Collier counties. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at

the Lee County Fairgrounds.

If you're interested in the organization or for more information, call Steve O'Bannon at 863-234-8109.

Pop Warner information

Anyone interested in coaching football this season is asked to contact Jose Zavala at 673-1188.

Sign ups also during the summer at Winn Dixie on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pop Warner football practice begins August 1 at 6 p.m.

Football camp planned

A 'Muck Area' Christian Football Camp will be held July 28 at the Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School Field for Grades 7-12. Cost is \$10. The camp will feature former and current pro and college players, along with high school coaches. Recruiters from various colleges are also expected to attend. To reserve a spot or for more information call Rod at 561-809-8300 or email rfelt10@aol.com.

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Felda scholarship

The Felda Community Civic Association presented Scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,800 to three Felda students. From left: Sarah Taylor, Kindell Tindell (the recipients) with Committee chairman Reuban Rodriguez. Jennifer Raulerson was also awarded a scholarship but was not available for the picture. This scholarship is available to any Felda resident that is going to college for the first time or continuing their education. With fund raisers and support from the community and members, the association hopes to be able to award scholarships every year. Congratulations to all recipients.

Register for Special Needs Shelter

The Hendry County Special Needs Shelter located at West Glades School. If you require hospitalization, have your physician execute the necessary pre-admission procedures well in advance of a pending disaster such as a hurricane. Pets are not allowed.

You must register each year, and bring a caregiver to the shelter. Get registration forms from the Hendry County Health Department and the Hendry County Emergency Management Office. For more information, or if you would like to have a registration form mailed to you, please contact Kelly Dyess at the Hendry County Emergency Management office at (863) 674-5401.



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Community Brief

Family fun in Pioneer

You're invited to Family and Friends Night in Pioneer this Friday, July 20, 6-7 p.m. at Pioneer Community Park. Refreshments will be served.

Train your dog

Caloosa Humane Society offers Dog Training Classes! The four-week program has classes on Mondays from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. for \$125. We will offer basic obedience skills like sit, stay, heel, no jumping, etc. You and your dog can join the class at any time. Proof of rabies (dogs over 4 months) and DHPPC vaccination are required to be in the pro-

gram. But don't worry, if you don't already have the necessary vaccinations we do offer them at the shelter and can be done prior to the class for only \$20 for both. Bringing your four-legged friend will not only be fun but will be a great bonding experience for you both. We do ask that the humans be 13 years old or older and under 18 year of age must have a parent present. Call (863)675-0997 to book your spot as space is limited. In addition to the fact that you will have a very well-behaved dog that all your friends and neighbors will envy, a portion of the proceeds will go to the wonderful dogs (and cats too) at Caloosa Humane Society.

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Hendry Regional Welcomes Antonio Vinluan, M.D.

Hendry Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. Antonio R. Vinluan, board-certified Internal Medicine physician. Dr. Vinluan completed his medical residency and internship in Brooklyn, New York and, for the past 20 years, has practiced medicine in Staten Island, New York.

Internal Medicine is a specialty dedicated to the diagnosis and medical treatment of adults. Dr. Vinluan is focused on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of adult diseases. He is now accepting adult patients at the Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center. Dr. Vinluan is available to offer comprehensive testing and treatment, compassionate care, and complete follow-ups for an adult patient. He provides superior education, understanding, attention to detail, and optimal care.

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Community Briefs

Candidate forum tonight

The LaBelle Rotary Club and Kiwnais Club are presenting a Hendry County candidates' forum tonight July 19 6-9 p.m. at LaBelle City Hall. This is a great chance to see and hear the candidates so you can make an informed decision on Election Day.

Audition for musical

The Firehouse Community Theatre is auditioning singers for its January 2013 musical production of "Juke Box Jive." This show is based upon an original script and is set in an old soda shoppe that is opening for a reunion of its "regulars." They are looking for all ages, all ethnicities, individuals or groups who can sing and perform music from the 1950s or early 1960s.

All interested candidates should plan on attending the auditions on July 28 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1098 Collingswood Parkway in LaBelle. Please be prepared to sing a piece of your choice from this era along with "Venus in Blue Jeans." For additional information, please contact the Theatre.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle and can be reached via email at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com or (863) 675-3066.

Birchwood Communities plan event

The Communities of Birchwood Parkway are planning a community picnic and fundraiser Saturday, July 28 at 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. in Port LaBelle, under the oaks at the northwest corner of Birchwood and SR 80.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be exchanged on day of the event for "food tickets" for food, drinks, raffle, cake auction, etc. Meet Hendry and Glades county candidates at this event,

Conservationists to meet

The Hendry County Soil and Conservation District board meeting will be July 26, at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Animals found

A Shetland pony was found in the area of Everhigh Road, Ledeca, in Hendry County. Horses have also been found in the area of Evans Road. Anyone with information regarding these animals is asked to contact the Ag Division of the Hendry County Sheriff's office at 674-5600.

Help Animal Rescue

Animal Rescue would like to thank everyone who donated moneys on July 7. They are in need of yard sale stuff so if you are cleaning out your shed, garage or home, please donate for pick up. Call Angel at 863-342-2076 or Diane at 863-234-1509. The yard sale will be July 21 in front of animal Rescue.

Legion fish fry and Sunday breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry the first Friday of each month, 5-7 p.m.

Check out breakfast the first Sunday every month, 699 SR 80W.

GOP sheriff candidates to debate

July 24 will be the date of CFRW's meeting at the Port LaBelle Inn, 6 p.m. There will be a debate of the Republican Sheriff candidates.

Soap making class

The museum's first soap making class was such a success that they have scheduled another class for Saturday, July 21, starting at 9'clock at LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 North Bridge Street. Once again our "jill of many trades and mistress of most" Pat Newell Johnson will be sharing her knowledge of soap making with a group of eight eager and attentive students. The cost of the class is \$10 for which you will receive not only written information on soap making and the benefit of Pat's class but also your very own bar of cured designer soap.

Please call the museum at 863-674-0034 and leave a message if you want to take the class. There may be another soap making class toward the end of August.

Mini Health Fairs- July 2012

These health fairs are Free and open to the public doing free blood pressure, weight, pulse and oxygen checks.

For more information please call Tabitha Yebba with Ace Homecare Outreach program at 863-233-1305.

Hope Connections LaBelle-Friday July 20, 11 a.m. Cowboy Way, Ace HH #: 299991018. Open to the Public..

Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday July 23, at 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven. Ace HH License #299991018.

Candidates in Felda

Felda will hold a Meet and Greet Candidates Forum Monday, August 6, at the Felda Community Center at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Felda Community Civic Association. Refreshments provided. Candidates are invited to come out and speak to the citizens of Felda.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet at Don's Steakhouse July 19 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

GOP ladies cancel meetings

Caloosa Federated Republican Women have cancelled all meetings for July 2012.

Muse activities for July

July 19, MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATES! All of the candidates that will be on the November ballot will be invited to speak and answer questions. There will be a social

hour with refreshments immediately following the speeches. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

July 28, Country Jam Session and pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.

All events are open to the public. All will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720). Come out for a fun evening and meeting your neighbors. For further information call 863-674-0467.

Volunteer for Toys for Tots

Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health Center is the coordinator for The Marine Toys for Tots campaign in Hendry County this year. We would like to ensure that each child in need receives a toy. To accomplish our goal, we are currently looking for volunteers and support. The types of assistance needed include, event sponsoring, distribution, sorting, delivery, collection box locations, window poster locations, storage, toy donations and cash donations. Also, if you would like to start lists of children in need please contact us and we will get the appropriate paperwork to you. If you, your agency or group can help in any way, please contact, Lydia Rivera at Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health, 863-674-4050 or Joseph Hosick, 863-983-1423. Thank you for your consideration as this is a wonderful opportunity to serve the children of our community.

Please spay/neuter

Caloosa Humane Society offers low-cost spay/neuter services and vaccination clinics to the community. While an appointment for spay/neuter services is necessary, the vaccination clinics are on a walk-in basis from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the same days as spay/neuter.

Upcoming spay/neuter and vaccination clinic dates are: July 20, 27. Please schedule your appointment today! For more information call 863-675-0997 or visit our web site at www.caloosahumanesociety.org.

Be a school bus driver

Hendry County Schools is having a Bus Driver Training Class from July 23-August 3 at the LaBelle Bus Compound. Please contact Jeannie Lynch at 674-4115 by July 16 if you are interested.

Free technology series planned

A free Technology Summer Series & Business Networking program is planned for the Bridge Street Coffee & Tea Co., 23 Fort Thompson Ave., 6:30-7:30 p.m.

July 31: Data Backup & Disaster Recovery

August 28: Social Media & Email Marketing

RSVP Maria at 863-342-8251 or email at maria@simplifiedtech.biz.

Apply now for Leadership sessions

Leadership Hendry and Glades Counties is accepting applications for our Class of 2011 from anyone interested in learning about our communities and want to participate in an informative program that is fun. Once you have been officially accepted you will be invoiced. Space is limited, so please return your application soon! Contact Susan Jordan at (863) 612-4914 with questions.

SHINE volunteers

SHINE, a Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of SWFL partnership located in Sarasota, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties, is always looking for more volunteers. If anyone needs assistance or is looking for a great volunteer opportunity please call 866-413-5337.

Medicare Part D open enrollment dates are now October 15-December 7. That is a very important time period, for seniors to choose their Medicare Part D, prescription plans.

AMVETS

An AMVETS Post has been established LaBelle. Post 2012 is the first and only AMVETS Post in Hendry County. Any armed forces veterans honorably discharged since WWII are eligible for membership in the AMVETS. For more information call 863-675-8008 or 239-246-3094. Come into VFW Post 10100 for an AMVET application and a monthly calendar of events.

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FGCU staff members recognized for excellence

FORT MYERS, FL – Staff members of the Florida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center were recognized for their hard work and dedication at the annual Florida Small Business Development Center Network (FLSBDC) conference held in Ft. Lauderdale in June. About 200 FLSBDC Network members and conference attendees gathered to recognize and thank colleagues, volunteers and partners who contributed above and beyond in the success of the FLSBDC's mission. Harry Looknanan Jr., certified business analyst for FGCU's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), was selected as the Regional Certified Business Analyst of the Year. This award is presented to an individual who demonstrates the greatest enhancement of scope, quality and or/impact of consulting services to the regional FLSBDC. Looknanan covers Bonita Springs and the Estero area providing assistance and guidance for small business owners. He also serves on many committees on a local and state level and is currently attending Leadership Bonita.

Janice Groves, certified business analyst who covers Hendry and Glades County, was selected Regional Employee of the Year. This award recognizes contributions to the operations and special projects of the regional SBDC. Groves designed a 10-week entrepreneurial program in the rural region to help entrepreneurs ready them-

selves to open a small business.

Costco, located in the Gulf Coast Town Center, received the Volunteer of the Year award for their outstanding contributions to the SBDC. Costco provides no-cost food and staff at most SBDC functions, which enables the SBDC to keep workshop pricing low.

Suzanne Specht, assistant director for the SBDC, was recognized for her 15 years of service. In addition to the awards, the SBDC won best Mission Statement out of the 34 centers represented, utilizing the conference theme, Unmasking Business Potential.

Trish Leonard, SBDC's marketing director, presented a Best Practice on proclamations at the conferences' general session; and Lorna Kibbey, SBRN coordinator, held a conference session on Techniques for Managing your Workload. The staff also presented SBDC executive director Dan Regelski with a plaque thanking him for his leadership to the organization.

"I'm extremely proud of our staff for all they do and give to our clients on a daily basis, and to the many volunteers who give tirelessly and dedicate themselves to the business community," said Regelski.

To learn more about the SBDC and its services, visit sbdc.fgcu.edu or contact the main line at (239) 745-3700. For more information contact Dan Regelski at (239) 745-3705, or dregelsk@fgcu.edu.

Community Briefs

Muse kids invited to Ortona Recreation Program

Ortona Community Association invites children from the Muse area to enroll in the Ortona's kids summer recreation program. The program runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, ending August 9. Ortona's recreation program has been expanded to match the summer food service program sponsored by the Glades County School District. Meals will be prepared at the Moore Haven school and delivered to eight sites throughout the county, including Ortona. The meals are free of charge to all Glades County children 18 years and younger. Lunch hour will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

To enroll you children in the full recreation program contact children's coordinator Amanda Billings 863-234-4288 or Fran Way 883-675-7880.

Kids! Learn to swim

Red Cross Certified Instructor, Flora Zimmerly, is offering swimming lessons for children ages 10 months and older. Contact Assistant Instructor, Angela Maddox for more information at 863-234-6073.

Legion fish fry/Sunday breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry the first Friday of each month, 5-7 p.m.

Check out breakfast the first Sunday every month, 699 SR 80W.

Kiwanis meeting change

The Kiwanis Club in LaBelle meets each third Tuesday of the month at the Kiwanis Thrift Store. It meets regularly meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's on Hwy 80. We have regular guest speakers from the community who give interesting,

educational and valuable information about what's going on in our community.

ACT offers counseling and related services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties. ACT offers individual and group counseling, safe emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline and forensic examinations for survivors of rape. For more information please call 239-939-3112 or 1-888-956-7273.

VFW news

Come to VFW Post 10100 and check our inexpensive lunch menu. VFW Post 10100 has bingo open to the public every Sunday at 2 p.m. VFW Post 10100 serves the best Charcoal Grilled Hamburgers in town every Saturday from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$3 for the burgers and French Fries are only \$1 more. Serving stops promptly at 1:30 p.m. Please come early.

Welcome combat veterans

VFW Post 10100 will pay the initial membership fees and the annual dues for any armed forces personnel recently discharged from overseas combat duty or currently serving in harm's way. For information, please call 863-675-8008.

Yoga classes at Maple Corner

Yoga classes have been received so well that they will continue through the summer. Monday class starts at 4:15 p.m. and the Wednesday class starts at 3:30 in the clubhouse at Maple Corner. To enroll or obtain more information, please call Carol Kraft at 863-885-1339.



Submitted photo/Tricia Boone

Pet of the Week

"Double the Love" has been extended for the summer months due to its success, Thirty-one felines have been adopted since it started in May! The "Double the Love" offer is good for anyone who adopts two cats or kittens together for one adoption fee of \$50 with an approved adoption application. Toby is a pistol and would love to become a member of your family. He is about three months old and does well in the community cat room. You can take Toby home with the following additions covered: Neutered, Rabies (4 months of age), FVRCP vaccine, Heartworm/Feline Leukemia Test/FIV Test, Fecal Test, Deworming, Flea and Tick Prevention and a Microchip. Anyone interested in Toby or any of our other homeless pets can come to Caloosa Humane Society at 1200 Pratt Blvd. and fill out an adoption application or call 863.675.0997. You can also check out our website at www.caloosahumane-society.org and on at www.facebook.com/caloosa for more information.

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Federal Court: No more off-road vehicle trails in Big Cypress

(July 11, 2012) – Wildlife protection groups applaud a federal district court decision that reinstates protection for wetlands and the habitat of critically endangered Florida panthers. The decision overturns a 2007 move by the National Park Service to permit off-road vehicles on more than 20 miles of additional trails in the Bear Island Unit of south Florida's Big Cypress National Preserve.

The lawsuit was brought by Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, The Humane Society of the United States, National Parks Conservation Association, The Florida Biodiversity Project, The Wilderness Society and Wildlands CPR.

"The court's decision sends the strongest message possible to the Park Service that it failed to adequately protect the Big Cypress National Preserve and its irreplaceable natural resources," said Laurie Macdonald, Florida director of Defenders of Wildlife. "Sound natural resource conservation in the Big Cypress National Preserve is essential to protecting this incredibly diverse ecosystem, a unique part of America's natural heritage. The court's ruling makes clear that now is the time for all of us to work together to ensure that any activities in the preserve, including off-road vehicle use, protects the wildlife, waters and wildlands of this special place."

For years, NPS has documented the negative impacts of ORV use in Big Cypress. ORV use in the preserve is referred to as a "high impact recreational activity" – responsible for rutting, compaction and oxidation of soils, destruction of plants and roots, alteration of wetland hydrology, facilitating the spread of invasive plant species throughout the preserve and causing behavioral disturbances to endangered animal species.

Once ranging across the entire southeastern United States, the only known breeding population of Florida panthers exists in southern Florida, occupying five percent of its historic range. Today the Florida panther is estimated to number 100 to 160 adult animals. Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are identified as the greatest threats to panther survival.

"Off-road vehicle use has had well-documented and significant adverse impacts on wildlife populations and their habitats," said Jonathan Lovorn, senior vice president and chief counsel for The HSUS. "The court's decision will help protect Florida panthers and other vulnerable species from ill-considered decisions that favor recreational activities over resource protection."

In reaching its decision, the court determined that NPS violated federal law by failing to conduct a new assessment of environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act, and failing to explain how increasing ORV use would be consistent with policies that require the agency to minimize damage to natural resources and disruption of wildlife habitats.

The ruling also addressed the actions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which concurred in the decision to reopen ORV trails in Bear Island. The court held that the USFWS violated the Endangered Species Act by failing to exercise "reasoned scientific judgment," and failing to consider the current status of the Florida panther and the

species' vulnerability to the damage caused by ORV use in the preserve.

The decision to re-open ORV trails in Bear Island in 2007 flew in the face of the agency's own 17-year effort to curb damage caused by ORV use in Big Cypress. "While off-road vehicles are allowed in some parts of the Preserve, this judicial decision recognizes that there are some places where off-road vehicle recreation is too damaging and just doesn't belong," stated Bethanie Walder, with Wildlands CPR.

In addition to violations of federal law, the court determined that the Park Service's 2007 decision, which the agency made un-

der pressure from hunters and other recreational users of the preserve, violates the terms of an ORV management plan that previously closed trails in 2000.

"The judge agreed that these unique prairies and wetlands deserve protection from the impacts of ORVs," said John Adornato, Sun Coast regional director of the National Parks Conservation Association. "The original plan intended to significantly reduce the area of the preserve impacted by ORVs and eliminate use entirely from the preserve's most sensitive habitats such as prairies and marshes. The re-opening of these particular trails in Bear Island in 2007 was contrary to

this preservation goal."

"Preserve managers are well aware that nearly one million people visit the preserve annually and the vast majority do not utilize ORVs. This decision will allow undisturbed access on foot to one of the most beautiful and biodiverse wetlands in North America," said Matthew Schwartz of the Sierra Club, who regularly leads hikes in the preserve. "ORV use will continue to be allowed in sections of Bear Island where the use is sustainable, but now the proper balance between motorized and non-motorized use of Bear Island has been restored."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PORT LABELLE UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Board will hold a meeting Monday, July 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, Commission Chambers, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Port LaBelle Advisory Committee
421950 CN/CB 7/19/2012

Public Notice

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4074	2008	4104329-06021980050	Leo G. Wasde

Lot 5, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

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Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

420451 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
5001	2008	4104329-03021260010	Emilia G. Guerrero

Lot 1, Block 2126, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4072	2008	4104329-06021970190	Filbert & Annette Dolorius

Lot 19, Block 2197, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4073	2008	4104329-06021980020	Efren & Carlita Tambio

Lot 2, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1055	2009	1284331-A0000260000	Ketty Cherubin

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 363, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

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420728 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2507	2008	1314433-A0000310000	Eileen J. Otano

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6028, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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420446 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
430	2009	1324229-02000120011	Alta S. Baker

Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 12, North LaBelle Subdivision, in Section 32, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 83, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida and the South one-half of vacated Bonanza Avenue along the North side of said lots and the North one-half of vacated alley abutting the South side of said lots.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
537	2009	1174329-03000000190	JPDF Investment Corporation

The North 66 feet of Lot 27 and the South 33 feet of the right-of-way of the street running East and West which lies between Lots 27 and 30, Favors Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 27, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1046	2009	1274331-010000Q0160	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 16, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

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420468 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1045	2009	1274331-010000Q0150	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 15, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4071	2008	4104329-06021970130	Anthony A. Marino

Lot 13, Block 2197, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on July 30, 2012 @ 10 a.m. at Clewiston Township 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440: 1997 Mercury, VIN: 2MELM74W4VX653804 ***We have the right to refuse any and all bids*** 422113 CN 7/19/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 1:30pm in Suite 1 at Hendry Regional Convent Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The public is invited to attend. 422113 CN 7/19/2012

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Construction Licensing Board will hold a meeting Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 421936 CN/CB 7/19/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District will be holding a budget workshop/special meeting on Wednesday July 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm, at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street. The purpose of this workshop/special meeting will be to discuss the District's budget and any other business which comes before the Board. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Interested persons may appear on their own behalf or by agent or attorney. If anyone decides to appeal a decision made by the Board with respect to any matters considered at the meeting or hearing, a record of the proceeding will be needed for the appeal and that for such purposes, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED HEARING DATE. CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 421041 CN 7/12,19/2012

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Cultural center announces season line up

The Firehouse Community Center is pleased to announce the line up for its twentieth season.

Fall opens with "Dial "M" for Murder" by Frederick Knott and directed by Deb Kik. This Alfred Hitchcock thriller revolves around a love triangle and one person is shot. But was it the right person? Show dates are October 26, 27, 28 and Nov. 2, 3, 4, 2012.

Next up will be Nutcracker by Patrick Rainville Doran and Bill Francoeur will be directed by Emily Bates. On Christmas Eve, the mysterious Godfather Drosselmeier presents Marie with an unusual Nutcracker. That night she is awakened by a band of renegade mice, led by the evil Mouse King. Show dates are November 30, Dec. 1, 2 and Dec. 7, 8, 9, 2012.

In January, travel back in time for "Juke Box Jive," directed by Nick Fidanza. This original musical journey will be set in a "hip" soda shoppe and will feature music of the '50s and '60s. Show dates are January 11, 12, 13 and January 18, 19, 20, 2013.

In February, watch for "Steel Magnolias," written by Robert Harling and directed by Joel Hawkins. This poignant but humorous story takes place in Truvy's Hair Salon and revolves around the lives of five women in small town Louisiana. Show dates are February 15, 16, 17 and Feb. 22, 23, 24, 2013.

The final show of the season will be "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," by Lee Blessing and directed by Dave Johnson. This very funny play is about the eccentricities of the people living and working at a good-ole-boy bar in Houston, Texas. Show dates are March 16, 17 and March 22, 23, 24, 2013.

Lights, Sounds, Stage Crew Wanted!!

The theater is looking for a few responsible, reliable people to help with lights, sound and stage crew for this coming season. They are working towards building a staff that can rotate between shows. If you are interested in the theater, but may not want to act, this is the perfect volunteer position for you!

Season tickets

Season Ticket Membership letters have been sent! A season ticket assures that you will get to see every show! This year, to mark their 20th anniversary, theater members are putting together a very special playbill and they would like to include your name in it as a patron. Please make sure to return your season reservation form by September 1, 2012.

The Web site has the season ticket membership letters, along with our line up, seating chart and ticketing policy.

If you would like a Season Ticket Membership letter sent, please the Ticket Hotline at (863) 675-3066 and leave your contact information or check the Web site at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

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1021	2009	1274331-01000D0010	Raul Martinez & Katia Caballero

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 1, Block D, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof.

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Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida

420459 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT County of Hendry, Florida, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
968	2009	1224331-01000F0040	Raul Martinez and Katia Caballero

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday in the month of August, 2012, which is the 2nd day of August, 2012.

Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida

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Submitted photo

FGCU and other college students joined in a LaBelle Nature Park trails clearing project sponsored by LaBelle Rotary and Caloosahatchee Riverwatch.

FGCU students help clean the LaBelle's Nature Park

Students of Florida Gulf Coast University joined with local Intelligentsia International college student interns for a trails clean-up day at LaBelle Nature Park next to the Captain Hendry House. The FGCU students helping out on Saturday, July 7, were a diverse group of students majoring in graphics arts, mathematics, biology, marine science, and criminal justice.

All FGCU students are required to complete 80 service learning hours as part of their undergraduate degree programs. Students can choose from over 200 projects of non-profit organizations registered with the FGCU Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

The LaBelle Nature Park project and lunch for FGCU students was sponsored by the Rotary Club of LaBelle and the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association (River-

watch). During the lunch held at the home of Riverwatch V.P. Margaret England the students also heard presentations about the park and river by Riverwatch Director Marti Daltry and LaBelle Rotarian John Capece.

The Hendry/LaBelle Recreation Board provided equipment and hauling for the park clean up. The Board is responsible for overall management of the ten-acre park on lands the City of LaBelle leases from South Florida Water Management District.

Shellie Johnson, planner for the City of LaBelle, also participated in the day-long event, developing ideas on how to better integrate and feature the park as a community amenity. The LaBelle Nature Park is open to the public from dawn to dusk for leisurely walks along the tranquil forest trails and along the more challenging old river oxbow and river bank trails.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Arts in LaBelle

Members of the Arts of the Inland are on hiatus until October. Next January Arts of the Inland will begin meeting every other month, with a bi-monthly news letter to cover those months without a meeting. Arts of the Inland has also welcomed the Gulf Coast Writers Association as an affiliate organization. Pictured at the group's last meeting at Barron Library are Arts of the Inland President LaVon Koenig left, and Firehouse Community Theater President Susan Jordan.



It has been my honor to serve you as Sheriff. In just three and a half years, we have made dozens of major, positive accomplishments and additions that better our agency. Because of these changes, Hendry County is a safer place to live.

Below are just a few accomplishments that I would like to highlight.

- I have never raised the budget. In fact, I have been able to absorb within the budget approximately \$3,000,000 in federal mandates and cost increases outside my control.
- Added ten deputies to the road to better serve the outlying communities such as Montura, Pioneer and Felda.
- Our narcotics arrests have doubled
- Deputies self initiated calls for service have over doubled, deputies are now proactive instead of reactive.
- Our overall crime rate is down.

In my brochure that you either have or will be receiving, you will see all the changes we have made. We have come far but I'm not satisfied yet. Every day we find ways to better our community. Please allow me to continue to be your Sheriff for a second term. Hendry County deserves some stability in the office of Sheriff. I ask for your vote on August 14th.

Thank you,

Steve Whidden
Hendry County Sheriff

"Paid for by Steve Whidden, candidate for Hendry Co. Sheriff, Democrat."

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